



United States Department of Interior

National Park Service

Joshua Tree National Park
74485 National Park Drive
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277-3597

PROCEDURES FOR ACQUIRING A FILMING OR PHOTOGRAPHY PERMIT AT JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

1. Applicant: Please read and understand these procedures, then complete the application.
Short form application is for simple film/photo shoots consisting of **not more than 10 people**.
Long form application is for any crews of **11 or more people or any shoot requiring set construction, road shots, generators, caterers or special activities**.
2. To obtain a Special Park Use Permit for commercial film or photography requires the following costs:
 - a. \$120.00 **non-refundable** application cost
 - b. \$195.00 processing cost (non-refundable if a permit application is processed)
 - c. In most cases a minimum of \$100.00 monitor cost (2 hours on-scene monitoring)
3. With most film and photo permits a security deposit will be required. The amount of the deposit, ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000, will be based on the complexity or size of the shoot. **This deposit must be in the form of a cashier's check or Money Order.** The deposit will be returned after all conditions of the permit have been fulfilled and all financial responsibilities have been met. All checks should be made to the payment of: **National Park Service**.
4. As of May 15, 2006 the National Park Service (NPS) has been directed by Congress to collect a fee to provide a fair return to the United States for the use of park lands. A film crew of 1 to 2 people, with camera and tripod only, is not charged this location fee. The following NPS fee schedule applies:

Commercial Filming / Videos		Still Photography	
1 – 2 people, camera & tripod only	\$0/day		
1 – 10 people	\$150/day	1 – 10 people	\$50/day
11 – 30 people	\$250/day	11 – 30 people	\$150/day
31 – 49 people	\$500/day	More than 30 people	\$250/day
50 or more people	\$750/day		

5. An original Certificate of Insurance (min. \$1 million per occurrence) is required.
The additional insured must be named:
**United States of America
Joshua Tree National Park
Special Park Use Department
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6. The Special Programs Ranger reviews applications on a first come first serve basis and notifies the applicant if the complexity of the shoot requires any additional conditions or revisions to the normal permit process. Simple shoots will be processed generally in three to five working days. Complex shoots could take up to 120 working days.
7. In most cases, film permits will be issued by appointment only at the Special Programs Office, Park Headquarters in Twentynine Palms, California **prior to filming**.

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Application for Photography/Filming Permit (Short Form)

Please supply the information requested below. This information is required to evaluate your permit request. Attach additional sheets, if necessary. Allow at least four (4) business days for processing. A non-refundable processing fee may be required to accompany this application. There may be additional fees charged, including a location fee, and you may be required to provide proof of liability insurance.

Applicant:	Company:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #:
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax #:
Email:	Email:

Project name:	Producer:
Type of project:	Photographer:
Location manager:	Director:
Telephone #:	Caterer:
Cell phone #:	Telephone # - set:

Summary of Activities and Scene(s): _____

SCHEDULE BY LOCATION(S) (Includes filming, parking and base camp):

Date	Location	Start Time	End Time	Type of Activity (e.g., film, prep, or strike)	Number of Cast & Crew

Maximum Number of Participants _____ **(Please provide best estimate)**

Description of Equipment/Props: _____

Attach list of vehicles including type and license plate number. _____

Use of Roads and/or Trails? (Y/N): _____ **Describe:** _____

I hereby state that the above information given is complete and correct and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given. All estimates are reliable to the best of my knowledge and I have the full authority to represent the applicant entity and the project described above.

Signature: _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Title: _____ **Company Name:** _____

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$120.00 made payable to National Park Service. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to Park address information.*

Note that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct a filming project or any other use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable conditions and regulations will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed and returned to the park prior to the event.

The above application form is provided with the understanding that parks will insert appropriate park names and addresses and the amount of the application fee as desired.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. All the applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240